

EDITORS MESSAGE

As usual before the annual ATA show arrives, my wife and I were plotting our trip down to Memphis. We stayed one night near Cincinnati so we could meet up with a good friend and go out to dinner together. This is one of the joys of philatelic friendships - to have the opportunity to meet up from time to time up and down the country and exchange news and views about this wonderful hobby of ours.

I must apologise for this issue being later than intended, but the trip back from Memphis and some late submissions have contributed. Also, the website is up and running and hopefully, the contents of this issue will be posted for those members who have elected to view their journal on the web. This is somewhat uncharted territory for me, as I had to scan some of the columns and 'zip' them for sending to Chris Dahle. Incidentally, thanks are due to Chris for his work in putting this effort together and to Fran for "moving it along".

In the last issue I made a plea for two new column editors - for Marine Invertebrates and Herpetology. Well, there is no luck so far for the former, but Roy Rings has volunteered to take over Herpetology and you will find a short résumé on page 98. Many thanks Roy! Now all we need is someone to step forward for the other column. PLEASE HELP!

Roy has already given us a couple of articles in the past and has another in this issue on the Boa Constrictors. Also, to get caught up with the Herpetology issues, Gerard Lovell sent us in a list to which Roy made some corrections and additions and you will find this starting on page 91. Also, there is a new checklist of Mammals available and Michael Prince brings us up to date on that starting on page 69.

There was a big show in New Zealand called "Birdpex" in 1990 and some sheets of bird cinderella stamps were issued in conjunction with that show. Bruce Cruickshank listed some of these in a previous issue and this subject is brought up to date on page 76. There were also new birds on these sheets and they are listed by Chuck Braun starting on page 81.

Carl Spitzer has updated an old 1971 listing of people on stamps with an entomological connection and the first section of that lengthy list may be found on page 112. This sort of information is very helpful to those of us who exhibit, as the inclusion of people connected with an exhibit subject can broaden the scope of the presentation.

Until next time.

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